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Examiner: Lam S. NGUYEN

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For: LIQUID JETTING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DRIVING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 7, 9-11, 17-20 and 23-25, although presently objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

As indicated on the cover sheet of the office action, claims 1-6, 8, 12-16, 21, 22 and 26-29 presently stand rejected. Specifically, claims 1-4 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki (USP 6,540,313); claims 16 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated over Suzuki (USP 6,540,313) in view of Araki (USP 6,312,077); claims 5, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over